GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:163
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NEW ITEMS UNDER ISI MARK
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has brought some new items under compilsory certification of ISI Mark;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date;

(c) whether the Government is considering including other items under ISI Mark;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 163 DUE FOR ANSWER ON ' 2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b) Keeping in view the safety of consumers, Government of India has recently brought 24 new electrical products under Mandatory Certification. The notification in this regard has been issued by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, vide S.O. No. 189(E) dated 17 February, 2003 titled `Electrical Wires, Cables, Appliances and Protection Devices and Accessories (Quality Control) Order 2003` under BIS Act. Similarly various types of cement were brought under mandatory certification of BIS vide S.O. No.191(E) dated 17 February, 2003 issued by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

(c) to (e) Mandatory Certification on products is normally enforced to ensure safety of common consumers keeping in view the aspects such as public health and safety. The final decision to bring any product under Mandatory Certification is taken by the concerned Ministry/Department of the Government of India.